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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image communication apparatus includes a packet transmitting unit for transmitting image data or sound data in packets and a detecting unit for detecting the amount of sound data to be transmitted in packets. The apparatus also includes a control unit for switching the packet size of image data to be transmitted in packets by the packet transmitting unit, according to the result of detection performed by the detecting unit. Sound data accompanying image data is smoothly transferred to the receiving side in packet transmission of image data and sound data.

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